

FARM NOTES.

—Pin up two facts to be considered when you are discouraged: There are fewer business failures among farmers than any other class; more men begin without capital and become owners of good business in farming than in any other vocation.

—When manure is spread on the ground at this season it should be on heavy soil, as the matter leached out will not be lost, but on very light sandy soil it is better to apply the manure in the spring. Where the rains have a tendency to wash the land a loss of soluble matter will result, and in applying manure the "lay of the land" should always be considered.

—Fall management of bees consists simply in taking away all surplus combs and honey as soon as the honey season closes, and the best combs in the hives should be left for the bees. Those having the largest amount of sealed and the least unsealed honey are the best. All further management during fall and winter is the same as with double-story hives.

—Failure with climbing roses and honeysuckles on porches or verandas may be due to too much water dripping from the roof, or to lack of proper preparation of the ground. One of the plans that may be pursued is to dig a trench, a foot or more deep, and nearly fill it with decomposed manure, then plant the vines and give an application of fertilizer every spring. Lack of plant food is likely to occur when the plants are well grown, as they cannot make heavy growth without taking the soil.

—In making a selection of an appropriate situation for a garden one should be chosen which will receive throughout the day, but more especially in the morning, the full benefit of the sun. A gentle slope to the south and east is always preferable. The close proximity to large trees should be avoided, as their ever-greedy roots would absorb the nutriment which the vegetables require, and their shade deprive them of light and heat. Vegetables can never be brought to maturity in a retired or shady spot. A garden should be as near the dwelling as possible.

—Timothy and clover have been seeded on the same land, as a rule, almost since they became known, but, as they do not mature at the same time, it is a mistake to grow them together if some other grass can be substituted for the timothy to sow with the clover. Orchard grass blossoms at the same time as clover, and as it is a grass that seldom fails, grows rapidly and is richly by stock, it should receive more consideration than is given it. It grows in tussocks, but that should be no objection, as it yields well and is adapted to nearly all soils.

—Less water is required when the ration consists largely of concentrated feeds than when large amounts of coarse fodder are consumed. Of course when green, succulent feeds are given the amount of water needed is comparatively small. Horses consume from 25 to 90 pounds of water a day, depending upon the amount of labor they perform. At the Oklahoma station a pair of mules during hot weather drank 250 pounds in one day. The feed at that time consisted of kafir corn, ordinary field corn, oats and bran.—Orange Judd Farmer.

—Wood ashes should be carefully saved under shelter. They are rich in both potash and lime. When purchasing wood ashes do not overlook the fact that dry ashes absorb moisture from the atmosphere and the weight varies according to the weather. No estimation of the composition of wood ashes can be considered reliable, as much depends upon the kinds of wood from which they are obtained, but it is not far out of the way to claim that 100 pounds contains about 40 pounds of lime, 6 pounds of potash and 2 pounds of phosphoric acid.

—Good roads are absolutely essential to the development of good schools in the rural districts, and both together are necessary to the progress of civilization in this country. Good roads are scarce, partly because the need of them is not sufficiently recognized and partly because so few know how to make them even when they try. Good schools are scarce for precisely the same reasons. When a country school house looks like an abandoned outbuilding and has the worst piece of road in the neighborhood leading up to it, that district may always be considered an excellent district in which not to buy a farm.—Prairie Farm.

—If one cannot afford, or it is not convenient to buy a roller, here is a plan of one, which I have made and used with much satisfaction. I have found it to do satisfactory work in mashing clover, rolling young corn hay, etc. I take a round top which is smooth, free from knots, solid and heavy. Inch iron pins are driven in at each end. These should have a good head, so that the 2x6 inch scantling, which is 2 1/2 feet long, may be held securely in place. To the end of each scantling is a short chain about one foot long to hitch horses to. Spread chains on team and go ahead. Cut the scantling longer at lower edge, and in going down hill it will scrape on the ground and not run on the team.—J. W. Stevens, in Farm and Home.

—There is no necessity for feeding grain to horses in winter if they are not at work. Hay contains more mineral matter, starch and protein than an idle horse will require, and grain, then, is of no advantage. It is proper, however, to give horses a variety. A mess of scalded bran once or twice a week, with carrots every day, will be ample. Some farmers make their horses too fat. While it is well to have horses in fine condition, yet they are not benefited when excessively fat. In order to exercise horses in winter they should be made to do duty at the tread powers, so as to thresh and clean the grain, saw wood and grind and cut food. The horses will keep in better health by doing some kind of work.

—One of the most desirable adjuncts to a good dairy farm, and at the same time the best to get, is a good hard barnyard that will not punch up by the constant treading of the cows in wet weather. At the Hoard's Dairyman farm we have succeeded in constructing just such a yard, and that, too, in a comparatively inexpensive manner. The soil underlying the yard, wherein run about fifty cows and heifers, is a heavy clay. Any one of experience knows what that sort of soil means in a wet time. Into this yard three years ago we drew three carloads of coal cinders, and it was soon as hard as a macadamized road, and has continued so to this day. It is easily scraped by the use of a two-horse barnyard scraper, and there is never any mud in it. When we remember the old-fashioned barnyard, with the cow wallowing knee-deep in manure, we bless the day that set us to making a coal cinder yard.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

A rather light shade of old blue makes a charming background for a black walnut bed room set. The bed, when dressed with one of the new spreads in the soft blue of new denim, with bands of blue and white cretonne and side draperies of the same over white muslin at the windows, gives a strikingly dainty effect.

Handkerchief work is as much in vogue this year as ever for home-made gifts. A bib for the baby, a dainty corset cover, for the society girl, a dust cap made from a colored handkerchief for the matron are all acceptable, yet inexpensive.

White holds its own in an astonishing manner in the glove world. Black gloves, with white points, stitching and sometimes welts, are among the new ideas. Other fashionable shades are medium and dark mole (the latter often leading into beaver or medium tan), gun-metal or platinum gray, a yellow that is sometimes called canary and sometimes chrome, chamois or buff and a few blue shades.

In selecting furs for a Christmas present, bear in mind the long-styled peltrine the best muff, and the fur cravat are the vogue. Fringe as a triumphant feature is, also, very new and smart.

Though rainy days do not mean short skirts for show wear, not a few will take such an opportunity for donning them. Young women and girls who follow the classes closely of a morning will like to embrace this time of day for appearing in this most convenient length of skirt. A particularly smart and sporty one that has just been evolved is in deep blue, the always sensible, stand-by color for more or less sporty wear. This one is in a stunning quality of cheviot serge, supposed to shed water, like a duck, and, indeed, it is so trim and snug-built as the water fowl. The coat is as much like a corset coat as any model, and fits to perfection, though many sporty dresses will invariably cling to the box shape which comes to the hips or below.

The skirt is cut in nine gores and has nothing of the slimy look around the feet, such as many have had. Rather does it incline to stand well out on the water fowl. One that it must have some slight interlining in the facing. This one flares a great deal at the foot, and thereby avoids the undeniably stinky appearance to which we have become accustomed.

Hale and his wife were at a theatre that night, and, returning late, ate luncheon at their home. So far as any of their friends knew, there had been no quarrels between them. On two or three occasions Miss Madge Hale had called at Hale's home. Hale came to Washington from Saratoga, and had lived here about 15 years. His wife was a Miss Fannie Ransom and her home was at Horsehead, near Elmira, N. Y. She first married a man named Francis, who died, and subsequently she became the wife of Hale. He was 52 years old and a stylish dresser.

Burned Girl! Slew Wife.

Government Printer Commits Shocking Crime. Ends Tragedy with Suicide.

Fearing exposure of his relations with Miss Margaret Hale, who died under suspicious circumstances in a sanitarium on Monday, Robert F. Hale, a compositor in the government printing office, at Washington, D. C., shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide at his home. Hale had posed as the friend of Miss Margaret Hale, a frequent caller on her. She was employed in the bindery of the government printing office, but several months ago her health failed and she went to her home in Marietta, O., returning here Nov. 5th. Ten days ago she went to the Brentwood sanitarium at Brentwood, Md. She died there on Monday, and Dr. Joseph C. Ohlendorf gave a certificate of death from heart failure. As a result of an investigation Dr. Ohlendorf was placed under arrest on a charge of murder.

Hale knew nothing of the police investigation of Miss Madge Hale's death until he read a morning newspaper. He was identified in the newspaper account as Miss Hale's only visitor. In a note addressed to his wife he wrote:

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Another note, which was not addressed, reads: I have disgraced myself; I have disgraced my wife. I write this that all may know she was not to blame in any way, shape or manner for my perfidy. She was too good and too noble and too honorable, and if I had done as she always wanted me to, the end would not be as it is—death and disgrace to me.

James Ray, a compositor, occupied a room on the top floor of the Hale home and heard two reports early that morning. He left the house shortly before 9 o'clock, and, on returning, saw no signs of Mr. and Mrs. Hale and opened the door of their sleeping room. There he saw Mrs. Hale lying, with a bullet wound in her right temple, and her husband on the other side of the bed. Both were dead. Mrs. Hale apparently was shot while asleep.

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Small-Pox in the State.

At a recent meeting of the State Board of Health. The report of the secretary, Dr. Benjamin Lee, of Philadelphia the secretary read his yearly report. It was a voluminous document, covering all phases of the State's health during the year. Special attention was given to statistics on small-pox. According to the report nearly 50 per cent. of the small-pox cases in the State during the year were in Allegheny county and over 75 per cent. of the whole were in counties west of the Allegheny mountains. The record gives Allegheny county 3,010 cases were 362 deaths. The other counties combined developed 2,016 cases with seventy-one deaths. In Philadelphia there were 945 cases and 138 deaths. Cambria county came next with 445 cases and twenty-five deaths.

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